

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 727

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Manassas High School Alumni Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those estimable organizations that are dedicated to improving the quality of life of Tennessee's youth; and

WHEREAS, the Manassas High School Alumni Association is one such organization, which will hold its twenty-fifth annual unity brunch on April 7, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Memphis-University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, established in 1899, Manassas High School was the first high school in Shelby County, and the alumni unity brunch began as a way for all former students to meet at a central location to fellowship, connect, and determine ways of supporting the school; and

WHEREAS, a scholarship fund was formed to help students attend college; a total of sixty-seven alumni have received a total of \$164,750 to attend such institutions as Brown University, the University of Memphis, Middle Tennessee State University, and Austin Peay State University, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Gold and Blue Award, the highest award from the alumni association, is given to a person who has devoted time, energy, and finances to support the needs and programs of the school; past recipients include singer and composer Isaac Hayes, State Representative Johnnie Turner, and former principal Logan Mitchell, all of whom are also alumni; and

WHEREAS, speakers for this year's unity brunch include Judge Monte Watkins, business owner Robert Simpson, Reverend Elaura James, city official Eddie Walsh, and University of Memphis psychology professor Dr. Rosie Phillips; and

WHEREAS, for a quarter of a century, the Manassas High School Alumni Association has improved the lives of the youth of Memphis, and this organization should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the Manassas High School Alumni Association on the occasion of its twenty-fifth annual unity brunch and wish its members continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.